

Parke Davis Reviews Spectacular Incidents of Football Season, Telling of Single Plays That Brought Victory

STIRRING PLAYS THAT WON GREAT GRIDIRON GAMES

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A SPECTACULAR SEASON

How Tom Davies of Pitt Figured in a Number of Thrills.

OHIO STATE'S FORTUNE

One Point and Last Minute Victories That Earned Conference Title.

By PARKE H. DAVIS.

Football, the autumn monarch of college sports, has enjoyed a popularity this fall that has broken all records, outstripped all predictions and nonplussed its followers with the problem of what is still to come. Playing with the highest skill and technique the rugged warriors of the gridiron have waged their stirring battles on five thousand fields stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf.

The average devotee of the sport is intimately familiar only with the great games in his own football terrain. This review proposes to give the reader a glimpse of the best battles that have been fought during the fall throughout the entire United States.

Those who thrive on thrills declare the best battles of the gridiron to be those in which an eleven facing defeat in the last few minutes of play suddenly and unexpectedly achieves a victory. Such, indeed, is the pleasurable sensation of dejection suddenly changing into elation. Many games of this type occurred during the past season. In fact, it is doubtful if there ever has been a previous season in which so many denouements have rewarded the never failing faith, fortune and fighting of the under dog.

Five eleven, Navy, North Carolina, Missouri, Tufts and Princeton enjoyed the almost continuous turmoil of excitement in winning three games on the respective schedules of each by a single desperate play. Princeton, an opponent who up to that point had held the upper hand. But there was one gallant football band which on four occasions secured victory by a desperate feat, but never flinched or faltered, and fighting, fighting finally in each instance beat down their adversary in the last few seconds and won the very last second of play, and so won each battle and won besides a great sectional championship. That team was Ohio State.

Surprises Revealed.

A study of the complete football records of the fall, pursued along inductive lines, reveals numerous surprises. The average person giving the matter no particular thought, unhesitatingly would say that the best examples of games won by a single play would be found in a classification of all games won by a long run from scrimmage. The data of all of the intercollegiate games in the United States this fall reveal only a few games won in this manner. While it is true that the majority of close games have been won by plays from scrimmage, it also is true that in this particular year these runs have not exceeded twenty-five yards, and in the most numerous instances they have been won by short passes and dashes of less than ten yards. The past season in this respect is exceptional, but the phenomenon is a testimony to the high defensive standard of the backfield men of the United States in this, in all close games, preventing scores by long runs from scrimmage.

The best example, and almost the only example, of a close game won by a long run from scrimmage is to be found in the game between the University of Pittsburgh and its old and dearest enemy, Washington and Jefferson. The play occurred late in the first quarter. Pittsburgh, leading by ten as the game proceeded, was downed by the Panthers, had recovered the ball on a fumble at midfield. Lining up in kick formation, the ball was snapped to Thomas J. Davies, who instantly lifted it on his long flight down the field. As he reached the deep backfield defenses he increased his speed and literally ran to the arms of his teammates, who made the touchdown. It was this same Thomas J. Davies who contributed 21 of the 27 points by which Pittsburgh defeated Pennsylvania, scoring once on a ninety yard run from the kickoff, again by a sixty-five yard dash with an intercepted forward pass and twice by long dashes from scrimmage. The winning play in this particular game, however, was achieved by a forward pass flung by Davies to Holleran, who scored the touchdown.

Careless Trick Plays.

In presenting the winning plays of the close games of the country, it is to be given three games because of the odd and curious character of the winning play. The first of these three games is that between Catholic and Georgetown. The game is well under way, and both eleven have fought in vain to score. Catholic has been forced to punt and waver in its position behind the fullback. "Look out for a forward pass," shout the Georgetown backs and waver in their position. The Georgetown fullback also eliminating a punt as forthcoming from the position of Denout, moves closer to the Catholic fullback, who instantly lifts a high punt down the field, accurately placing it upon the ground, where it bounds and rolls along. The Georgetown backs leisurely allow the ball to come to rest. Suddenly Denout swoops upon it, seizes it and dashes down the field and over the line. Georgetown protests that Denout is off side and therefore disqualified from touching the ball. The officials reject that Denout by standing behind his fullback when the ball was kicked had placed himself on side, and therefore was eligible to recover the ball. With a wave of his arm

Stars Who Figured in Season's Most Thrilling Plays on the Gridiron, Picked by Parke Davis



CAPTAIN IOLAS HUFFMAN
of OHIO STATE

RALPH E. FLETCHER
of ILLINOIS

ANDREW CROWELL
of OREGON AGRICULTURAL

DOUGLAS GOODALE
of STEVENS

ALLEN C. DAVEY
of WISCONSIN

CE MYERS of OHIO STATE

The referee pronounced the play a touchdown. As the game terminated it constituted the only score of the day.

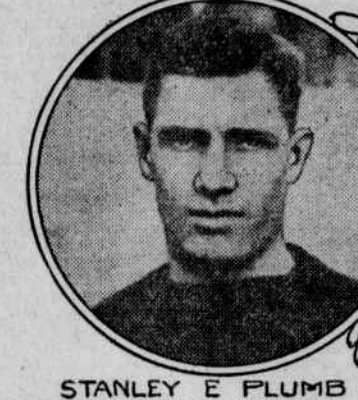
The second curious play to win a game occurred in the Notre Dame-Indiana struggle, a game of some magnitude to be the scene of a play of this character. Notre Dame had the ball and lined up in close formation. As the ball was about to be put in play by the Notre Dame backs called out, "Wait!" Joseph Brandy, the Notre Dame quarterback, straightened up behind his center, and the three backs gathered together and held a whispered conference. In the meantime the Indiana players also relaxed. Brandy thereupon unostentatiously took the ball from the center and stopped through the Indiana line, but once through he leaped into prodigious strides and set sail for Indiana's goal line, which he reached, thereby winning the game.

The third football battle to be won in a curious manner was the Georgia-Alabama struggle. In this game Georgia defeated Alabama 21 to 14, making all three touchdowns on plays which originally began with the ball in possession of Alabama. The first play started from a line plunge by Alabama which the ball was fumbled. Page Bennett of Alabama picked it up and ran forty-two yards for a touchdown. The second play began in an attempt to punt by Alabama. Weichel of Georgia blocked the kick, and Pew, recovering the ball, ran ten yards for the touchdown. The third play finds Alabama about to punt on a yard mark. Again Weichel of Georgia blocks the ball. Cheever, the Georgia quarterback, captures it and runs eighty-two yards for the winning touchdown of the day, making the longest run from a blocked punt to a touchdown achieved upon any gridiron in the United States during the season.

Touchdowns From Kickoffs.

The rarest and most difficult feat in football is to catch the ball on the kickoff and run through an entire opposing eleven to a touchdown. Out of the many thousands of kickoffs in the country this fall only nine plays of this character have occurred. But if these plays are rare, what adjective shall we use to designate a play of this character which wins a game? Only two have occurred in the annals of all football. In 1919 Edward G. Bray of Lafayette, on the opening play of the Lafayette-Pennsylvania game, caught the ball on the kickoff and ran 100 yards for a touchdown and the only score of the day.

In 1921 Charles D. Daly, a wizard of



STANLEY E. PLUMB
ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Harvard and Army football, at that time playing with the Army against the Navy, caught the latter's kickoff and ran 100 yards for a touchdown, covering the long distance so swiftly and so cleverly that not one Navy player laid his hands upon him.

The third instance of a run from kickoff winning a game occurred this fall in the Tufts-Norwich battle on the oval at Medford, Mass. The hero of the exploit is B. T. Macchia, end of the Tufts eleven. Norwich, winning the toss, chose the ball and deployed along the 40 yard line for the kickoff. Tufts simultaneously spread its men over its field to receive the ball. The whistle blew, the kick was delivered and the ball went spinning forty yards down the field to Macchia, who caught it on his own 20 yard line. Fitting the ball to his body the fleet footed end leaped instantly into flight and laid his course straight up the field. The Norwich players ranged into position to block Macchia. Meeting him in a mass on his 40 yard line they literally enveloped the little end. So compact was the mass of Tufts and Norwich players that bodies were interlocked. Like the thrust of a piston, however, Macchia burst through. Curving slightly toward the side line so as to obtain the use of one arm to block off attempting tacklers, Macchia flashed in and out among the remaining defenders until he had passed every one, when in a dozen mighty strides he dashed across the few remaining yards, made the touchdown, the only scoring play of the day, and won the game.



HARRY WORKMAN
of OHIO STATE

fell back to the 35 yard line. Instantly the sound of the kick was heard and almost simultaneously the other thrilling sound which announces a blocked kick, the sound of the ball striking the ground, was heard. The ball, which was kicked by Macchia, had struck the ground and was rolling toward the 35 yard line. Macchia, who was on his 20 yard line, saw the ball and instantly was in flight for Georgia's goal, eighty-two yards away. Down the long run sped the players of both eleven, racing and interfering, but Cheever was not to be overtaken, although at all times closely pressed. And so he crossed the line and Georgia won by 21 to 14.



GAYLORD STINCHCOMB
of OHIO STATE

From the early days of the intercollegiate game the goal following touchdown ever has been a subject of burning and bitter discussion. Its opponents have contended it should be abolished from football because it is the act of a single player and because it involves a large element of chance. The advocates of the play, however, contend that it is a historical feature which has been in the sport since the days of Tom Brown of Rugby, and when games are otherwise a tie victory should be determined in some way, even though it is determined by a single player. Victory in not many games this fall has hinged upon plays of this character, and it has been the deciding play in two battles of major importance.

In the game between Michigan and Princeton each eleven made a touchdown, Michigan secured its touchdown in the second period on a brilliant 75-yard run by John Dunn, the Webbs' star. Michigan, who had intercepted a forward pass, attempted at goal, however, failed. In the third quarter Illinois actually blocked the ball from the hands of a beautiful forward pass, scored by a touchdown.

Dunn, had the good fortune to kick his goal. By the narrow margin of this goal Illinois thereby virtually eliminated Michigan from the Western intercollegiate championship race.

One Point Victories.

Ohio State's proud position also depends upon one of these goals from a touchdown. It occurred in the game between Chicago and Ohio State. Chicago started the battle with a whirlwind determination to win. Within a few minutes Edward Palmer, the Chicago fullback, had picked up a fumble and raced forty-five yards for a touchdown. Jackson of Chicago, however, missed the goal. From that point on until the last eight minutes of the game Ohio State struggled in vain to score. In the last few minutes of play Harry Workman of Ohio State threw a 35-yard pass to his brother, Noel Workman, placing the ball on Chicago's 10-yard line. From here three smashing line plays carried the ball over, Charles Taylor, the fullback, making the touchdown. Harry Workman, with heart and nerves of steel, did not fail in the crisis, but kicked the goal, thereby defeating Chicago and eliminating that team from further championship aspirations.

Block Kicks Aplenty.

As a result it has been a rare game this fall which has not presented a blocked kick. In the majority of instances these have been intermediate plays and did not terminate in a touchdown. Two heroes of the season, however, have won important games by this method. The second, wide play of this type was achieved by Iolas Huffman, the rugged captain of Ohio State. A crucial struggle, Ohio State vs. Michigan, was waiting to be drawn and the score board flashing down the figure of Ohio State 7, Michigan 7. Michigan from its three yard mark was forced to punt and Frank Stokette fell behind his goal line to deliver the punt. As the ball was snapped Huffman burst through the Michigan line and squarely blocked the kick, then leaping for the bounding ball he fell upon it and thus added a thrilling victory to Ohio State's remarkable series of four games when victory seemed doomed.



H. GARRITY
PRINCETON

The third and final instance of a game won by a blocked kick is a veritable gem and has been briefly cited previously in this narrative. Georgia was at grips with Alabama and struggling fiercely to avert disaster. At the beginning of the fourth quarter the score was Alabama 14, Georgia 14. The splendid backs of Alabama, who probably has kicked more goals from the field by drop kicks than any other player in the United States this fall, has the distinction of having won two games, Holy Cross and Yale.



B. F. MACCHIA
of TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Names in the above table invite especial consideration. Charles Buell of Harvard, who probably has kicked more goals from the field by drop kicks than any other player in the United States this fall, has the distinction of having won two games, Holy Cross and Yale. The first contest was not less fiercely

Games and Titles That Were Lost and Won by Goal After Touchdown

Waged the second, occurring, however, at opposite ends of a season; and in the second Buell divides the honors with Horvath, who also contributed a goal from the field. Allan D. Davey of Wisconsin also will be noted as having won two great games by his goals. His attempt at goal, however, failed. In the third quarter Illinois actually blocked the ball from the hands of a beautiful forward pass, scored by a touchdown.

Winning Forward Passes.

The forward pass has been the deciding play in many of the fall games. It was a fling of eighteen yards by Straus to Thomas, who in a single step crossed Bucknell's goal line, that gave a victory to Pennsylvania. It was a throw of fifteen yards by Lomborg to Manville, who carried the ball five yards further to the goal line, that enabled Kansas to defeat Drake. Collins of Georgia by a pass of ten yards to Pitt, who touched down where he stood, that thus defeated Furman.

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STUNTS AT FOOTBALL GAME.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 4.—"Stunts" by the cheering section of the University of California when the football eleven of that institution meets Ohio State here on New Year's Day bid fair to outlast any others staged on the Pacific coast by any team. Novel methods of increasing the morale of the team are promised for the coming game. California'sarsity chavs are expected to be out here immediately after the Christmas examinations are ended to work out these plans in cooperation with a local committee.

CRESCENTS RETAIN LEAD AT SOCCER

New Moon Team Defeats Staten Island 4 to 2 at Bay Ridge.

By defeating the soccer eleven of the Staten Island Cricket Club by the score of 4 goals to 2 at Bay Ridge yesterday afternoon the Crescent A. C. team moved nearer its goal in the Field Club League series—the recovery of the championship now held by the Montclair A. C. Staten Island gave sturdy battle and was on even terms at half time, when each side had scored twice.

Off a long pass by Meyer, Waters of the Crescents, shot the first goal of the game in the race to 15 points, or two close in after a pass by Van Laar, equalized for Staten Island. A good run by the forward line and pass by Rew yielded Waters his second point, and then, once more, Wilson scored up the score, after Van Laar's shot had bounded out. In the second half the Crescents maintained the pace, but Staten Island weakened. Fifteen minutes after change of ends Waters crossed to Rew at inside left, who gave the home team a 3 to 2 lead. The fourth goal resulted from a well aimed shot by MacPherson, which MacPherson cleared into the goal, after Van Laar's shot had bounded out. The Crescents increased their total of points in the race to 15 points, or two points more than the Montclair total. The lineup:

Crescent A. C. (4). Staten Island (2). King.....Goal.....MacPherson.....Right back.....DeWilde.....Inside right.....McKee.....Left back.....Van Laar.....Durant.....Centre half.....MacPherson.....Left half.....MacPherson.....Right half.....MacPherson.....Goal-keeper.....MacPherson.....Referee.....Caldwell.....Line-men.....Mason, Cameron and O'Rourke. Goals—Waters (2), Rew, Crescent A. C.; Wilson (2), Staten Island. Time—Halves of 45 minutes.

Richmond County Placed Second.

Rivalry for second place in the Field Club Soccer League and the opportunity to overtake the Crescents added zest to the encounter between the eleven of the Montclair Athletic Club and the Richmond County Field Club on the grounds of the former yesterday. After a fine contest, in which the home team led by 1-0 at half time, Richmond County won out by the score of 3 goals to 2. The Staten Islanders, therefore, reached a total of 13 points, or two below the Crescent A. C. Stahl, off a centre by Denby, shot Montclair's first goal after 15 minutes of play. Wilson of Richmond County, taking a centre from Kay, equalized ten minutes after the restart.

Montclair A. C. (2). Richmond C. (3).

Goals—Wilson, Richmond; Stahl, Montclair. Right back.....McKee.....Left back.....Van Laar.....Durant.....Centre half.....MacPherson.....Left half.....MacPherson.....Right half.....MacPherson.....Goal-keeper.....MacPherson.....Referee.....Caldwell.....Line-men.....Mason, Cameron and O'Rourke. Goals—Waters (2), Rew, Crescent A. C.; Wilson (2), Staten Island. Time—Halves of 45 minutes.

START INDOOR POLO PLAY AT DURLAND'S

Reds Defeat Whites by Score of 13 to 8.

The indoor polo season at Durland's was opened yesterday afternoon with a spirited match, in which the Reds defeated the Whites by 13 to 8. The Whites led in the first half of ten minutes by 6 to 4.

But in the second half the Reds stopped Dr. Blackwell and got their own scoring machine going, with the result that they outdid their rivals by 9 to 2 in that period. The team play for so early in the season was excellent. The lineup and summary:

Reds (13). Whites (8). Leitch.....Goal.....Sherman.....Right back.....Blackwell.....Left back.....Blackwell.....Durant.....Centre half.....MacPherson.....Left half.....MacPherson.....Right half.....MacPherson.....Goal-keeper.....MacPherson.....Referee.....Caldwell.....Line-men.....Mason, Cameron and O'Rourke. Goals—Waters (2), Rew, Crescent A. C.; Wilson (2), Staten Island. Time—Halves of 45 minutes.

BRYN MAWR GIRLS SCORE AT HOCKEY

Defeat All-Philadelphia by Score of 6 to 5.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BRYN MAWR, Pa., Dec. 4.—In the hockey game to-day Bryn Mawr scored its season, defeating All Philadelphia by 6 goals to 5 and winning its fifth straight game. The winning tally was made by Miss Elizabeth Cecil in the last few seconds of play. Dr. M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, was an interested spectator. Miss Ann B. Townsend starred for All Philadelphia with four goals.

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